in the world tourism from the present level of 0.4 per cent to 1% within the next five years. It is proposed to be achieved through diversification of tourism product, improvement of tourist facilities and infrastructure and integrated development of identified circuits and special tourism areas. The total investment requirement has not been indicated in the Action Plan.

Revenue Earned by International Airports

36. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the annual profits and revenue earned by the six International Airports at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Ahmedabad and Thirli Anantpuram during the period from 1st January, 1991 to 31st December, 1992 airport-wise and month-wise;

(b) if so, what are the figures of airport income on account of runway landing clarges airport entry tickets, airport contractors' fees, monthly rents and ground rents; and

(c) the airport which is more profitable and what is its income per day from every aspect?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

37. [*Transferred to 14th December,* 1993]

Permission to Indian Private Airlines to operate on International routes

38. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jet Air, a private Airline, is working with a foreign Airline on the basis of 40 per cent—60 per cent equity share without the formal permission of Government;

(b) if so, whether it is going to affect Air India and Indian Airlines indrectly; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider to permit Indian Private Airlines to operate on International Routes, so that they may also bring foreign exchange into the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) M/s Jet Airways had proposed that they may be owned by Tail Winds Ltd. a company incorporation in the Isle of Man in which two foreign airlines would hold equity share upto 40% and the balance would be held by NRI. The investment proposal has been approved by the Government.

(b) Air India and Indian Airlines will have to face competition.

(c) Under the existing guidelines, Air Taxi operations are limited to domestic sectors only.

Proposal for purchasing new Air-crafts by IA and AI

39. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines propose to purchase new Aircraft in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Indian Airlines propose to equip itself to compete with the increasing private Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Air India has already placed orders for purchase of four Boeing 747-400 aircraft, out of which, two have

already been delivered. The remaining two aircraft are expected to be delivered during the period December, 1993—June, 1994.

Indian Airlines had ordered 12 A-320 aircraft, out of which, six have already joined the fleet of Indian Airlines. The remaining six aircraft will be delivered during the period from December, 1993 to December, 1994.

Air India is considering acquisition of a few aircraft in the next few years. However, a final decision in the matter is yet to be taken. Indian Airlines is not considering acquisition of any aircraft at present as it has enough capacity to meet the traffic requirements.

Construction Cost of New Airports in M.P.

40. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of New Airports in the State of Madhya Pradesh which are not yet under operation;

(b) the estimated cost of construction of each of these Airports according to annual plan-outlay;

(c) whether Government propose to hand-over some airports to private sector; and

(d) the details of annual budgetary allocation of financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh for maintenance of airports, airport-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The National Airports Authority has not constructed any new airport in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The National Airports Authority maintains its airports. No financial assistance is given to State Governments for maintenance of airports.

Schemes for Development of Tourism

41. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government observed the World Tourism Day on 27th September, 1993;

(b) if so, what were the highlights of the programme; and

(c) whether any schemes for development of tourism in conformity with ecology have been laid down if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The message from World Tourism Organisation was circulated to all Government of India Tourist Offices, State Govts. and agencies concerned with tourism. Cultural programmes, facilitation of international tourists at various entry points, press publicity, such as, release of a special advertisement, distribution of literature, discounted tours, etc were amongst the highlights of programmes undertaken for celebration of this Day.

(c) The Department of Environment has issued detailed guidelines and directives for conservation of ecology which are strictly adhered to while approving various schemes for development of tourism.

Investment in Tourism

42. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken/are being taken to liberalise investment in tourism while checking eco-hazards; and

(b) what is the target of tourist traffic in respect of foreign and Indian tourists